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December 10, 2008.

Friends:

First, thank you to everyone who helped the initiative effort. Being on the ballot gave us good visibility with the press, and made 140,000 people aware of the fact that they don't want rail transit. What a huge success!

A month had passed since the election, and there is much happening on the rail transit front.

Several important local organizations are making their voices heard loud and clear:

Na Leo Pohai, the public policy affiliate of The Outdoor Circle has done excellent research on the DEIS and the "concerns" they have raised should have everyone up in arms.

Hawaii's 1,000 Friends is equally upset, and has written a very forceful critique of the project.

The Hawaii chapter of the American Institute of Architects is in opposition to the elevated structure downtown and has done an eloquent and well thought out paper on their concerns

The League of women Voters has voiced their opposition to this project from the start.

All of these organizations are in favor of public transportation, but given this particular rail transit project, with its huge cost and unparalleled environmental blight, have felt compelled to speak out.

Honolulutraffic.com, which has always been the research arm of the stop rail initiative will continue to be the "mother ship" of the movement with the aim of continually educating the public on the most important public works issue in our history, and what the real solutions are.

Currently, we are working on a detailed response to the Federal Transit Administration on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. It is very important that you all prepare statements to them as well.

This is truly a grassroots effort of real people, as we saw in yesterday's morning Advertiser. Go Rail Go and the other pro rail groups all received their money from big developers including Infraconsult and Parsons Brinkerhoff. The donations to stoprailnow were all from individuals – concerned citizens like you.

We want to reach out to all of the 140,000 new supporters who voted against rail in the election in any way possible.

Starting within our group, ask everyone you know that voted against rail to do two things.

Make sure that you and everyone you know who is opposed to rail are members of honolulutraffic.com. It's easy. Just go to honolulutraffic.com, click on "who we are" and add your name to the many that are there. It is important as we go forward that we represent thousands of Honolulu citizens who realize that this boondoggle will unalterably ruin our Honolulu. All stoprailnow people should also be honolulutraffic.com members.

Ask people to respond to the DEIS. They do NOT have to be versed in the document itself.

Merely ask people to write to the Federal Transit Administration and express whatever concerns they have. The huge issues of course are the elevated rail downtown and the visual blight that will result, and the environmental justice issue of the most regressive tax in the country used to fund the project.

These letters should be emailed or postmarked on or before January 7th and addressed to:

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In addition, it would be most helpful if copies were sent to:

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City Council members:

<http://www.co.honolulu.hi.us/council/ccl.htm>

These letters don't need to take much time. Ask people to speak from the heart. As always, we are available to answer questions any time.

Our very best wishes to everyone for this Holiday Season. We hope the New Year brings to you, and to our Honolulu, only the best.

Aloha,

